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**DES SCHEDULES PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PURCHASING OF COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY SERVICES**

(Phoenix, October 7, 2002) The Department of Economic Security Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD) has scheduled two public hearing to receive comments on the newly developed administrative rules for the purchasing of community developmental disability services and rate setting. It is the DDD's intent that these rules provide a streamlined method for providers to propose and contract with the division to provide services, an emphasis on consumer and family choices, minimal contractual paperwork, and the ability to access the best service possible based on the individual consumer's needs.

Interested parties are invited to attend the following public hearing:

- October 15, 2002
12:00 noon to 2 PM
Flagstaff City Hall
211 West Aspen Avenue in Flagstaff
- October 16, 2002
1:00PM to 4:00 PM
ASU West
University Center Building
La Sala Room
4701 W. Thunderbird in Phoenix

Copies of the materials will be available at the hearings.

Written comments may be sent by November 1, 2002 to Kim Simmons at Ksimmons@mail.de.state.az.us.

A copy of the draft rules may be found on the DDD's website at www.de.state.az.us/ddd/whatsnew.htm.

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